



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Stephen R. Porter

Serial No.: 10/764,675

Filed: January 26, 2004

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IDENTIFYING SHORT CIRCUITS IN  
AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

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§ Examiner: Viet Q. Nguyen  
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§ Atty. Docket: MICS:0123/FLE/BLT  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR SUBMISSION OF ISSUE FEE**

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed August 12, 2005, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. 03-0329 (MICS:0123/FLE) in the amount of \$1,700.00 for the issue fee (\$1,400) and the publication fee (\$300). Also, enclosed herewith is Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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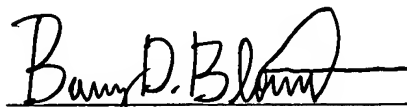
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

On August 12, 2005, a Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above-referenced application. Attached to the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Applicant respectfully stresses that the allowed claims recite a variety of unique features, including, but not limited to, the claim language cited by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability. Therefore, although the Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of the present claims, the Applicant does not

concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only differences between the claims and the prior art.

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